

General Evangelists Needed In Response Areas

RICHMOND (BP) — General evangelists are greatly needed in Asia where "responsiveness characterizes the mission opportunities in many areas," according to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretaries for East and Southeast Asia.

But, at present, "There are no 'preacher' missionary candidates for Southeast Asia," J. Winston Crawley, director of the Foreign Mission Board's overseas division, related. "In recent years, East Asia has been reinforced with fewer missionary evangelists than any other area," Crawley said.

"These are areas of urgent needs."

Insecurity, caused by the threat of Communist neighbors, brings about greater openness for the gospel, mission board officials report.

Southern Baptists need to "make good use of the situation for God and intensify efforts while it is possible," according to William R. Wakefield, area secretary for Southeast Asia. "We need to work while it is yet day, for the night is coming," he urged, in reference to a Biblical admonition. Many of these areas welcome

missionaries, especially Thailand, Korea, and Taiwan. "In Korea and Taiwan we're having an especially responsive time," George H. Hays, area secretary for East Asia, said. "We wish we already had more missionaries on the field; but even if we had personnel volunteer today, it would be two years before they would actually be serving on the field."

Japan has 10 major cities (population 100,000 or more) with no missionaries who are general evangelists. In January, a general evangelist transferred to Japan from Madagascar — the first new

missionary evangelist there in four years, according to Hays.

Some 26 requests for missionary evangelists have been made for East Asia. Japan is asking for 11 of those, according to Hays. Southeast Asia needs 24 general evangelists, with Thailand making the most requests.

Wakefield listed the number one priority in Southeast Asia as either a theological teacher at Mindanao Baptist Bible School, Davao City, or a general evangelist and church developer for Thailand. At the Bible school, there is only one missionary couple, along

with a Filipino couple, to work with an enrollment of over 60 couples.

According to Hays, the most urgent single need in East Asia is for an evangelistic couple for Okinawa to replace the William R. Medlings, who will retire in 1978. "We hoped to have had two already in training," Hays explained. But no one has applied.

Wakefield mentioned some other high priority personnel needs for his area. A doctor is needed to serve at the Bangkok Baptist Hospital in Thailand, where there are 3,000 in-patients and 19,000 out-

patients a year and only one missionary doctor. A couple in mass communications is needed for the Baptist Communication Center in Indonesia, as well as a doctor for the Kediri Baptist Hospital on Sumatra.

The Philippines need an evangelistic couple for the Cagayan De Oro area, which has been very receptive in recent months. A pastor for the Calvary Baptist Church, primarily a military related congregation, is needed in Guam.

Hays said that he would like to

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Southern Baptist Convention Norfolk Scope Convention Center

June 15-17, 1976
Norfolk, Virginia

Theme: "Let The Church Stand Up"

Tuesday Morning, June 15

8:45 Music For Inspiration — Virginia Baptist Male Chorale, Allen R. Brown, director, Richmond, Virginia

9:15 Call to Order

9:20 Congregational Singing

9:25 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention

9:30 Report of Committee on Order of Business

9:50 Introduction of Virginia Governor—William J. Cumbie, of Fairfax, Virginia, president, Baptist General Association of Virginia

Welcome Address—Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Richmond, Virginia

10:10 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers

10:15 Solo—Nettie Beth Weber, Flat Rock, North Carolina

10:20 President's Address—Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas

11:00 Congregational Singing

11:05 Executive Committee Report (First Section)

11:45 Miscellaneous Business

12:10 Introduction of Resolutions

12:35 Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon, June 15

2:00 Music For Inspiration—"Freedom 76," First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, Ron Lowry, minister of music

2:30 Congregational Singing

2:35 "The Church and Biblical Authority"—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee

2:55 Election of Officers

3:20 Address—Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States

3:50 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)

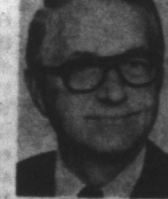
4:00 "Looking To The Third Century With Confidence"—Ben C. (Continued on page 3)

MC Announces Three Doctorates For May 16

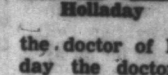
CLINTON — The widow of a former president, a state educator, and a Baptist minister will receive honorary degrees from Mississippi College when the institution stages commencement exercises May 16 in Jackson's City Auditorium.



Receiving honorary doctorates will be Mrs. Mary White Nelson, Clinton, widow of a long-time president of the college,



Dr. D. M. Nelson, the doctor of letters, Dr. Holladay the doctor of literature,



Dr. Charles Edwin Holladay, Clinton, state superintendent of

education and former superintendent of Tupelo Public Schools; and Rev. Frank Webb Gunn, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Biloxi.

Mrs. Nelson will be awarded

Central Hills Baptist Retreat Work Day

Saturday, May 15, 1976

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Rendezvous at Springdale Baptist Church
Highway 19 Northwest—8 miles from Kosciusko
Bring lunch and tools.

\$2.5 Million Renovation

Calvary, Jackson, Plans Dedication On Anniversary

The dedication of a \$2.5 million Building-Renovation program and

significant in the history of the church, and that visitors are expected

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SBC Resolutions Committee Sets Public Meeting

NORFOLK (BP) — Members of the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention resolutions committee will hold an open public meeting at 7:30 p.m., June 14, at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center in the Resolutions Committee Room (room number M-1 on the lower concourse).

Anyone with a resolution to discuss or present is welcome to attend, according to Andrew Tampling of Birmingham, chairman of the resolutions committee. Tampling requests that copies of resolutions be sent to him at First Baptist Church, 517 22nd St., No., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

The 1976 resolutions committee membership has been completed. Members are Harold Coble, Midway, Calif.; Nelson Duke, Jefferson City, Mo.; Joseph B. Flowers, Hampton, Va.; Milton Gardner Jr., Thomasville, Ga.; Jack Harwell, Atlanta, Ga.; Jim Martin, Omaha, Neb.; Frank Minton, Dayton, Ohio; Charles B. Nunn, Bluefield, W. Va.; Ronald Prince, Minden, La.; Quinn Pugh, Bel Air, Md.; William Self, Atlanta, Ga.; and Edwin Young, Columbia, S.C.

Cooperative Receipts Stay Above Budget

Cooperative Program receipts from churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention received in the office of Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, amounted to \$808,545 for April.

While this figure was \$17,544 below the receipts for the same month of 1975, it pushed the total receipts for the year up to \$2,453,683, which was \$227,838 ahead of the figure for the same period of last year.

The total for the year also stands at \$30,350 ahead of the budget figure for the first four months. The annual budget for 1976 is \$7.3 million.

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Record Budget Proposed

SBC May Hear Ford, Will Elect President

By Robert O'Brien
NORFOLK (BP) — In a year of presidential politics — USA — style and SBC-style — more than 16,000 Southern Baptists, meeting here June 15-17, will elect a new convention president and possibly hear the president of the United States.

Elected messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting will also vote on a record-shattering \$55 million national Cooperative Program unified budget for 1976-77, survey the denomination's worldwide mission strategy for the last quarter of this century, and hear a report

on the SBC Executive Committee. A new president will assume the top elective position of the nation's largest Protestant body at the end of the jam-packed, three-day session. Jaroy Weber, pastor of Lubbock's 10,277-member First Baptist Church, who will preside at the SBC's 119th annual session, will step down after two one-year terms, the SBC's constitutional limit.

Incumbent President Gerald Ford had tentatively agreed to address the SBC's Tuesday evening session, June 15.

However, some have felt that the invitation was not wise in an election year. Illinois Baptist Editor Robert J. Hastings, in a widely-circulated mailgram, asked the committee to withdraw the invitation to Mr. Ford because publicity he would get in Norfolk wouldn't be fair to former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, an active Southern Baptist layman and front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The committee declined, emphasizing Mr. Ford's role as a President, not a candidate, and Hastings said he would pursue it no further. At least four Southern Baptist editors, since Hastings' letter, have declared editorially that the invitation should stand and that Southern Baptists should hear the president.

Governor Carter, himself, in an interview with World Mission Journal, published by the SBC Brotherhood Commission of (Continued on page 2)



Graham Is Honorary Chairman

Evangelist Billy Graham, center, has been named the national honorary chairman of the "Eight by Eighty" campaign by Southwestern Seminary. The campaign is to raise \$8 million by 1980. Pictured with him are Dr. Robert Naylor, right, seminary president, and John S. Justin Jr., chairman of the campaign's Fort Worth phase. The campaign is divided into three stages. In addition to Fort Worth's \$2 million goal a Dallas-Metroplex campaign will seek \$1.5 million, and another \$2 million with the goal for key Texas cities. The national campaign will have a \$3 million goal.

Clinic For Missions Volunteers Is May 28

A clinic for training volunteers for local missions work will be conducted May 28 in Columbia.

Miss Mildred McWhorter of Houston, Texas, will conduct the clinic, to be held at the South Columbia Baptist Mission Center. The clinic will be open to all who



are interested, and there is no charge for pre-registration, according to Rev. J. Ray Grissett, consultant for Christian Social Ministries in the Department of

Miss McWhorter Cooperative Missions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Areas of work to be covered during the two-session clinic include Christian social ministries, church extension ministries, the work of Woman's Missionary Union mission-action directors, and the work of Baptist Center leaders, Rev. Grissett said.

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Petal, Brookhaven Youths Named For SBC Bible Drills

Youth Bible Drill winners who will represent Mississippi at the Southern Baptist nation-wide drills this summer have been chosen in a selection tournament for the state.

The Youth Bible Drill is an activity of the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Beth Wilson, a member of Petal Harvey Baptist Church in Petal will be the Mississippi driller at Glorieta Conference Center in August. David Glenn Powell of Brookhaven, First, will represent the state at Ridgecrest in July.

Pandora Thomas, representing Robinson Church in Mississippi Association, was chosen as alternate.

Some 170 youths participated in state final drills. Of these, 29 qualified for the preliminary competition of eliminations. Eight of these advanced to the final round, where the two winners

Gulfshore Bid Action Expected

Action was expected this week on the contractors' bids for the restoration of Gulfshore assembly. The committee working on the project was to report to the Executive Committee during its meeting Tuesday. Following that meeting the issue would be taken before the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which was scheduled to meet Thursday morning.

Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is chairman of the Gulfshore Restoration Committee.



SBC May Hear Ford

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which he is a trustee, said, "I have had no adverse reaction to that (Mr. Ford's invitation). I don't feel excluded by not being invited this year. I spoke to the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Dallas in 1974 and introduced Gerald Ford (then vice president) at a Brotherhood Commission-sponsored prayer breakfast."

The \$55 million budget — \$4 million more than 1975-76 — includes a \$49 million basic operating budget for 20 SBC and SBC-related national agencies and committees and the SBC operating budget. It also includes a \$1,000,000 capital needs figure and \$4,920,000 in challenge operating funds. The challenge portion is broken into two phases of \$1 million and \$3.9 million.

Messengers will also vote on a \$909,000 1976-77 convention operating budget, which includes the cost of operating the annual meeting, the SBC's contribution to the Baptist World Alliance, and other items.

A 21-person missions challenge committee, mandated by Southern Baptists in 1974 to study the potential of the 12.7-million-member denomination's world-wide missions advance during the last 25 years of the 20th Century, will deliver a 65-page report.

It will include 15 major recommendations, built around the first one urging a primary goal of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone in the world in the final quarter of the century. The recommendations will urge unprecedented inter-agency cooperation and a quantum financial leap by churches and state conventions to achieve objectives.

The SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, also asked by the SBC to study bold new plans for missions, will deliver lengthy reports, projecting missions growth, during the Norfolk meeting.

In another report, the Committee of Seven, which the SBC asked to study its Executive Committee at the Executive Committee's request will bring its recommendations.

The Committee of Seven, chaired by C. R. Daley, editor of Kentucky Baptist state news publication, Western Recorder, will recommend bylaw changes clarifying the Executive Committee status. It will also recommend that its findings and suggestions be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and response to

the 1977 SBC meeting in Kansas City.

Basically, the study recommends the Executive Committee and suggests such things as broadening the base of selection of Executive Committee members and the scope and depth of pre and post election orientation of EC members, increasing involvement of EC members in the EC's decision-making process, improving communications and cooperation between the EC and agencies, involving all the EC members in studying agency budget requests, keeping the authority of the EC in "healthy tension" with the authority of convention-elected trustees of agencies, clarifying what the EC's status as the convention "ad interim" means and what authority it has to look into the affairs of an agency.

Besides resolutions, unpredictable in content, which could range from the charismatic movement to abortion, the messengers will hear agency reports, the president's address, the convention sermon and other inspirational messages and music, and conduct other business.

That business will include one item which would require changing Article VI of the SBC constitution to decrease the number of local members serving as trustees of SBC boards and agencies. The change would alter the number of trustees from the city or vicinity of the state in which the board is located from 18 to 12. It would also reduce the number of local members from any one church from 5 to 3.

That grew out of a motion at the 1973 SBC which would have had the effect of abolishing local boards altogether and seeking wider representation. Last year, an Executive Committee recommendation to the convention that the figures be reduced from 18 to 16 and 5 to 4 was referred back for further study.

The 1976 recommendation would also lower membership requirements for representation on boards and agencies, allowing an additional member from each state with 250,000 Southern Baptists, instead of the current 500,000. Each state would also be allowed an additional representative for each additional 250,000, as the SBC constitution now stipulates.

Another suggested change, for commissions whose trustees are not determined by charter re-

quirements, would reduce local members from 10 to 8 and representatives of the same church from 5 to 2.

Among other business, the SBC Sunday School Board will report that its trustees have reaffirmed the board's present method of allocating funds to state conventions for promotion of work.

Board trustees responded to a motion made at the SBC in Miami Beach last year by a North Carolina messenger "that the money being used by the Sunday School Board in its program of Cooperative Education and Promotion Work with state conventions be given to the Cooperative Program" unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention rather than directly to state conventions.

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and Rev. Gunn the doctor of divinity. All three of the recipients are graduates of the college.

A native of Pelahatchie, Mrs. Nelson graduated from Hillman College where she majored in Latin and music. Her professional career began when she taught music near Brookhaven while continuing her studies at Whitworth College. While there she took the first state music examination for a license to teach music, a license that is still in effect today.

She married Dr. D. M. Nelson, who then was a young professor in the chemistry department of Mississippi College. Mrs. Nelson served as first lady of the college while Dr. Nelson held the presidency from 1932 to 1937.

Mrs. Nelson has continued to live in Clinton since the death of her husband and has been active in numerous church and civic endeavors and is still a frequent visitor to campus programs.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church where for several decades she served as teacher in one of the largest Sunday School classes for women. She served on the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention from 1922 to 1942.

Dr. Holladay, who earlier this year was sworn in as state superintendent of education, is a native of Newton County. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and later earned the master of arts from Peabody College and the doctor of education degree from the University of Mississippi.

Prior to being elected to the top education post in the state, Dr. Holladay served as superintendent to address the general sessions were E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary - treasurer for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, and R. Keith Park, director of the missions support division for the Foreign Mission Board.

More than 50 persons were present from Southern Baptist Convention boards, commission, and agencies. The Foreign Mission Board had 14 headquarters personnel present as well as several furloughing missionaries.

There were 13 present from the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board.



Retiring Board Members Recognized

Baker J. Cuthen, (left), executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, awards a plaque of recognition to retiring board member John Lee Taylor, Mississippian. Standing in the background is Julian Pentecost, Virginia, also retiring, and in the foreground (seated) is James G. Harris of Texas, president of the Board. (FMB photo by James E. Legg)

Lottie Moon Offering Tops Goal; \$26 Million Given

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptists' Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions topped \$26 million, exceeding its 1975 goal by over \$2 million and surpassing the previous year's total by almost \$3 million.

When the April tabulations were completed, closing the 1975 offering books, \$26,169,421 had been given. The 1975 goal, set by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, was \$24 million.

The annual offering, given through Southern Baptist churches following the denomination's December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, is promoted and sponsored by WMU, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1975 total is a 12 percent increase over the 1974 offering which totaled \$23,234,094. It is the highest total ever recorded for the offering since its beginning in 1888 when \$3,315 was given.

The Lottie Moon Offering, and the Cooperative Program account for the SBC Foreign Mission Board's total operating budget. Each of these efforts supplies about half of the resources for foreign missions.



Beth Wilson and David Glenn Powell

SBC Bible Drills

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ture reference in the Bible. Participants must locate that scripture before stepping forward.

In the identifying verses drill, the leader quotes a portion of one of the more than two dozen verses that the youths have learned. Participants then locate the verse in the Bible and step forward.

Grenada Girl Named For SBC Speakers' Tourney

Talitha Edwards of First Baptist Church, Grenada, was chosen winner of the Youth Speakers' Tournament held in Jackson Saturday. Miss Edwards will be the Mississippi representative in the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament at Glorieta Conference Center in August.

Talitha has been a participant in the Youth Bible Drill for four years as well as entering the Speakers' Tournament this year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Savage. She was coached by Mr. Hayes Branscome.

The Youth speakers' Tournament was held this year for the first time in several years. The Church Training Department, sponsors of the event, plans to conduct the tournament again next year if interest is indicated.

Associational Planning Workshop May 18 In Jackson

Directors of associational missions and 10 leaders in the organization of each association will meet May 18 in Jackson for an associational planning workshop.

These leaders will hear the details of a new concept called the Mississippi Plan for Associational Advance and will get an overview of the suggested programs for churches as projected by the denomination, according to Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The leaders will also be able to take note of "some possible associational projects they may wish to consider in planning an associational calendar to assist the churches," Vaughn added.

The meeting will be at Alta Woods Baptist Church, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m.

All expenses will be borne by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Vaughn said.

Cooperative Receipts

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gram gifts for the year thus far are \$20,000 ahead of the largest budget goal ever established for Mississippi Baptists should be of great encouragement to every Baptist in Mississippi," Dr. Kelly said. "This is an indication that our goal is within reach and we must not rest until we have attained it. State, national, and worldwide missions efforts depend on our faithfulness," he added.

Singing Women To Rehearse On May 20

The Mississippi Singing Women will meet for rehearsal in the Baptist Building Chapel on Thursday, May 20, at 4 p.m. At this time, these ladies will be starting a fresh series of rehearsals, having concluded a recent series of biennial concerts. Because of this, new members and interested persons are extended a special invitation to visit.

To be a member of the Mississippi Singing Women, a woman must be the wife of a music director in a church, a music director or herself, a graded choir worker, an accompanist, or serve on the music staff in another way. Rehearsals are scheduled every six weeks, and are generally in the Jackson area, moving to other parts of the state occasionally.

Each person is responsible for her own uniform and travel arrangements, and music is furnished by the Church Music Department. The group is directed by Nan Grantham, consultant in the Church Music Department. Dot Pray of Colonial Heights Church in Jackson is accompanist; Irene Martin of Harpersville Church is president; and Cleme Broome, First Church, Columbia, is secretary.

The May 20 rehearsal will begin at 4 p.m. A snack supper will be served, and the rehearsal will dismiss at 8 p.m. Those who can attend only a part of the rehearsal should contact Mrs. Grantham at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 39205, or call number 354-3704, Ext. 205.

Clinic For Local Missions Volunteers Is May 28

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"All volunteers who are interested in working in mission settings of any kind are invited," he added. "These would include work with people outside the church setting but as a part of the church effort, whether it is a part of preaching and teaching ministry or a social action effort," Rev. Grissett pointed out.

The first session of the clinic will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and there will be a duplication from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Mayson Easterling are directors of the South Columbia Baptist Mission Center. They are US-2 workers with the Home Mission Board assigned to this project. US-2 workers are assigned to specific projects in the United States for two-year terms. Baptist Mission Centers carry on such work as daily programs of practical teaching, games for children, Bible teaching, Sunday worship, caring for physical and health needs, helping with clothing needs, and concerns of a Christian social ministry. The center in Columbia is located at Cook Street and Old Foxworth Road.

Miss McWhorter has operated the mission center work for the greater Houston, Texas, area since 1963. Rev. Grissett said, "The presentation will cover what can and should be done in Baptist centers, any other type of church extension, and Christian social work ministries. Miss McWhorter will be available for individual dialogue with those interested in learning more about assisting, training, and involving volunteer workers. Paid staff workers also would profit from these sessions."

General Evangelists

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see three or four more couples in Taiwan, where the people have been very responsive since former President Chiang Kai-Shek's Christian funeral last year at which a Baptist minister officiated. Two theological teachers are also needed in Taiwan for the seminary there.

Mission board leaders see some encouragement in both areas, however. Three couples and two singles are on the projection list for Japan, according to Hays, who is also encouraged by a good working relationship between nationals (even non-Baptists) and missionaries. Japan has virtually no visa problems or demonstrations against Americans.

Missionaries transferring from South Vietnam and Laos — and now in language study — will fill some of the vital personnel needs in Southeast Asia. "They have distributed themselves and will contribute greatly," Wakefield said.

But even with encouragements, mission board leaders, citing Romans 10:14 ("...how shall they hear without a preacher?"), emphasize the need for those "preacher" missionaries "to respond to overwhelming opportunities" in the heavily-populated Orient.

Nationwide Campaign For Missions Support Urged

By Don McGregor

A call for a nationwide campaign for Cooperative Program advance and a recurring emphasis on the biblical meaning of stewardship came last week from a meeting of 250 denominational leaders at Ridgecrest Conference in North Carolina.

The meeting was called a National Seminar on the Support of Missions and was aimed at exploring ways of upgrading the support of missions efforts all over the world by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Participants were gathered from 24 state convention areas in addition to 11 denominational boards, commissions, and agencies.

The conference was sponsored by the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. A. R. Fagan is the executive director - treasurer of the commission. Michael L. Speer, associate director of the Commission and director of Cooperative Program promotion, was in charge of the conference.

Seven main emphases were chosen by Cecil Ray, executive secretary of the North Carolina executive board, as being representative of some 38 pages of reports hammered out by five theme assemblies. The five others in addition to the two above were these: Christian life style, priority planning with missions in its proper place, correlating a missions education philosophy, the urgency of people involvement in missions, and boldness in prayer.

The conference began on Monday evening and continued through Friday noon.

This was the third, and the last one planned, in a series of such conferences on missions support. The first at Glorieta Conference Center in New Mexico in 1971 searched for "What the Scripture Says About Stewardship." The second at Lake Yale in Florida last year sought to determine "What the Scripture Says About Missions Support."

The purpose for this year's meeting at Ridgecrest was "To examine the truths discovered in the two previous seminars and how to apply these truths to methods that can be used by the individual Christian, church, association, and the denomination."

The discussions were divided into five areas, and each was assigned about 50 participants. The section on Church Programming was led by Keener Pharr, director of the Education Division for the Florida Baptist Convention. The Education section was led by Lawson Hatfield, director of the Sunday School Department for the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Charles Tidwell, professor of Church Administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was the leader of the section on finances. A section on People was led by Bill Clemmons, director of The Vineyard Conference Center in Louisville, Ky. Joe Burnette, minister of education at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., was the leader of the section on Prayer.

The seminar was a year in planning. A committee selected by the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission outlined the procedures and the purpose and determined the spectrum for invitations, which included pastors, laymen, and state and denominational leadership. Each state was given a quota based on its church membership, and stewardship secretaries in the states made the selections.

Each participant paid a \$50 registration fee plus his own expenses for the meeting.

Texas had the largest delegation with 40. The host state, North Carolina, had a 30-person representation, and Alabama was third with 23.

In addition to the five conference sections there were three general meetings. Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology at Midwestern Seminary, addressed the opening meeting. Others



Georgia Mae Ogburn, of Meridian, missionary to Chile, is shown with Manuel Trucco, Chilean ambassador to the United States, following ceremonies during which Miss Ogburn was awarded the Bernardo O'Higgins decoration by the Chilean government. The ambassador presented the award in the Chilean embassy in Washington, D.C. (FMB photo by Bob Harper.)

Missionary Receives Chilean Decoration

WASHINGTON (BP) — Southern Baptist Missionary Georgia Mae Ogburn was awarded the Bernardo O'Higgins Decoration by the Chilean government — the country's highest award to a foreigner — in ceremonies at the Chilean Embassy here.

The award is given exclusively to foreigners in recognition of contributions to the moral, educational, and spiritual life of the Chilean people, embassy officials said.

Manuel Trucco, Chilean ambassador to the United States, supervised the ceremonies attended by Chilean government dignitaries, Miss Ogburn's family and friends, representatives from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and local Baptist leaders.

A special medal and scroll were presented, accompanied by expressions of praise and gratitude for Miss Ogburn's contributions to Chile during her 35 years as a Southern Baptist missionary there.

Minister consul of the Chilean Embassy, Tomas Amenabar, cited Miss Ogburn's Christian contributions to the youth and women of Chile with whom she worked as a basis for the award.

In accepting the award, Miss Ogburn responded, "The merit attributed to me is of God who sent me to Chile in 1940."

She expressed appreciation to the ambassador and great admiration for the Chilean people with whom she has worked more than half her life. She said the most outstanding characteristic of Chileans is "their love of liberty and honorableness in their actions."

Broadmoor Calls Pastor To Spanish-Speaking

Rev. William Curtis Ferrell has assumed the duties of Spanish-speaking pastor and director of the bus ministry at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Surveys show there are over 1000 people in the Jackson area who speak Spanish. Approximately one year ago, three people at Broadmoor started a Spanish-speaking Sunday school class and shortly thereafter, a



worship service. For the first year, David Glaze, a student at Mississippi College, did the preaching. After graduation from college, he went to the seminary and left the ministry without a preacher. It was then the church decided to establish the full-time position and seek a pastor.

Ferrell is the son of Rev. and Mrs. William Ferrell, pastor of the Sylvestra Church in Smith County. The Ferrells spent over twenty years in Argentina as missionaries under the appointment of the Foreign Mission Board.

Although Curtis, Jr. was born in Montgomery, Alabama, while his father was director of R. A. work for that state, he spent most of his childhood days in Argentina where he learned to speak Spanish fluently. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and of Southern Seminary. His wife is the former Deanie Bolls. She grew up in the Baptist Church.

As a missionary, Miss Ogburn organized the Women's Bible Institute of Santiago and served as its director for eight years. This institute is now the Baptist Theological Women's Department of Santiago.

From 1948 to 1975, she served as secretary general of the Chilean Woman's Missionary Union, an organization for Baptist women. She is presently on furlough in Meridian, Miss., where she plans to retire in November.

Born in Selma, Ala., Miss Ogburn grew up in Meridian. She was graduated from Blue Mountain (Miss.) College with the bachelor of arts degree and from Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

Cooper Released From Baptist Medical Center

Owen Cooper, retired Mississippi industrialist and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was released from Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Monday to return to his home in Yazoo City for further recuperation from coronary bypass surgery April 30.



Governor Finch signs the Proclamation for Older Americans Month and Grandparents Day. Looking on are left to right: Horace Kerr, Executive Director of the Mississippi Council on Aging; John Egger, Program Director of the Meridian Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Marie Carter, member of the Advisory Committee to the Council on Aging; and J. E. Aldridge of the Retired Teachers Association.

Governor Finch Proclaims Grandparents' Day May 23

Governor Finch has proclaimed the month of May, 1976, Older Americans Month in Mississippi. In the proclamation, signed on April 21, the Governor urged all Mississippians to join with the Mississippi Council on Aging in focusing attention on the state's senior citizens this month and throughout the bicentennial year.

In an additional proclamation, Governor Finch has designated the fourth Sunday in May as Grandparents' Day in Mississippi.

The Governor urges all Mississippians, children and adults, to join with the Mississippi Council on Aging in honoring our State's grandparents; both individually and through special activities of churches, clubs, and organizations. It is suggested that churches honor the following grandparents during services held on Sunday, May 23: the oldest, the youngest, one with the most grandchildren, one with the most great-grandchildren.

Richland To Hear Gentry In Bus And Children's Church Meet

Rev. Gardiner Gentry will be the speaker for the Bus and Children's Church Conference to be held at Richland Church at Plain on May 13 and 14.

Mr. Gentry was called to Beth Haven Church, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1969. The church was

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Fisher, executive director, Education Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
4:15 Election of Officers
4:25 Miscellaneous Business
Introduction of Resolutions
4:45 Benediction

Tuesday Evening, June 15
6:30 Music For Inspiration—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York City, musical director

7:00 Congregational Singing
7:05 "Let The Church Stand Up In Today's World"—Bailey Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dell City, Oklahoma
7:25 "Christ's Freedom: Past, Present, Future"—Lynn E. May, executive secretary, Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee

7:45 Miscellaneous Business
8:10 Congregational Singing
9:15 Southern Baptist Seminaries
8:45 "Born To Serve": The Cooperative Program Forum—Conrad Johnston, chairman, Salem, Virginia

9:30 Benediction
Wednesday Morning, June 16
8:45 Music For Inspiration
9:15 Congregational Singing
9:20 "The Church In The Redemption of The Family"—Alton McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C.

9:40 Election of Officers
9:50 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
10:20 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
10:30 Report of Committee to Study the SBC Executive Committee

11:00 Congregational Singing
11:05 Special Music—James R. Davis, Tulsa, Oklahoma
11:10 Convention Sermon—Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Alternate: Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia

11:40 Miscellaneous Business (Consideration of constitutional changes and other matters.)
Election of Officers
12:30 Benediction (No Afternoon Session)

Wednesday Evening, June 16
6:30 Music For Inspiration—Tidewater Area Baptist Choir, Jerry P. Huling, Norfolk, Virginia, director

7:00 Congregational Singing
7:05 "The Church And Religious Liberty"—Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia
7:25 Recognition Of Past Presidents
7:35 "Applying The Gospel"—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tennessee

7:45 "Publish and Conceal Not"—Committee on State Baptist Papers
7:55 Missions Challenge Committee Report
8:40 Congregational Singing
8:45 "Total Mission Thrust, Now!"—Baker J. Caughen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

9:30 Benediction
Thursday Morning, June 17

8:45 Music For Inspiration—"Jubilate," University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, Carl Beard, minister of music

9:15 Congregational Singing
9:20 "The Church and National Righteousness"—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville,

Tennessee
9:40 Sunday School Board
10:10 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
10:30 Baptist World Alliance
10:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs
10:50 Southern Baptist Foundation
11:00 Miscellaneous Business
11:15 Congregational Singing
11:20 "Magnificent Obsession"—Harold A. Carter, pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland

12:00 Benediction
Thursday Afternoon, June 17

1:30 Music For Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers
2:30 Congregational Singing
2:35 "The Church and A Clean America"—H. Edwin Young, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

2:55 Annuity Board
3:15 American Bible Society
3:20 Radio-TV Commission Report
3:35 Stewardship Commission
3:45 Denominational Calendar
3:50 Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary
3:55 Congregational Singing

4:00 Special Music—Debbie and Otis Stroup, Glen Burnie, Maryland
4:05 "Let The Church Stand Up With A Clear Voice To Its Youth"—Chester E. Swor, Jackson, Mississippi
4:40 Benediction

Thursday Evening, June 17

6:30 "Stearns & Co." Historical Musical drama by Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, Joe Carrell, director

7:30 Congregational Singing
7:35 "The Church and Personal Integrity"—Walter P. Shurden, professor church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee

7:55 "Teach Missions: To Know, To Grow"—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama

8:10 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds
8:15 "Men and Boys in Missions"—Glendon McCullough, executive director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee

8:30 Congregational Singing
Presentation of Officers
8:40 Home Mission Board

9:30 "And The March Goes On"—Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

10:00 Ringing of The Liberty Bell
Passing of President's Gavel
10:15 Benediction

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EDITORIAL Guest Editorial

How Did Baptists Begin?

By Jack L. Gritz

Editor, The Baptist Messenger

One of the most difficult questions which can be asked is, "How did Baptists begin?" and we are well aware of the difficulty. In the past there has been much controversy over this question and we do not wish to add to the controversy. We do hope by presenting the facts to clear up some of the controversy and help avoid some of it in the future.

There is a fundamental question which must be asked in addition to the above question in order to find its proper answer. When we say "Baptists" do we mean Baptist principles or do we mean Baptist churches? On the answer to this hangs the answer to the whole question of Baptist beginnings.

Probably the average Baptist when asked, "How did Baptists begin?" would answer without a moment's hesitation, "Why they began in the First Century with the teachings of Christ." In a sense this is absolutely true. But the question is more complicated than that.

Baptists are and endeavor to be New Testament Christians. The Bible is our sole authority—and we are careful to avoid creed or custom as a substitute for it. We are absolutely right when we say Baptist principles began with the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament.

Since then Christians took various forms and grew in different directions.

When we ask the question, "When did churches first begin to have the Baptist name?" then we come to a different set of circumstances and must look at a different set of facts. (This itself by the way is not an easy question to answer. Groups seem to have sprung up almost spontaneously and the Baptist name was attached to them.)

But let's look at some of the facts. In Sixteenth Century Europe a tremendous religious upheaval took

place known as the Protestant Reformation. This centered in a man named Martin Luther, who with the help of certain German princes defied the Roman Catholic pope and withdrew many churches from Catholicism. There were other notable teachers such as John Calvin and John Knox. Certain excesses had created a spirit of rebellion against the Roman church and the establishment of separate — often national — churches seemed the local thing.

In England the story was somewhat different. Of course the English were deeply influenced by reformation thought. The break with Roman Catholicism, however, came with the determination of King Henry VIII to marry Anne Boleyn and the pope refused to grant him a divorce from Katherine of Aragon. Henry simply pulled the church of England (also called the Anglican church) out of Roman Catholicism and established a national church.

In the years that followed there was a strong party — both religious and political — known as the Puritans. Their purpose was to purify the Church of England of false teachings and false practices as they saw them. Civil war developed and although the Puritans under Cromwell won the war they lost the cause.

In addition in England there were the Dissenters. They dissented emphatically from the state church's teachings and practices. Some others, seeing no hope of bringing about changes, took another step and became what were called Separatists. This was much more significant than might at first appear. To deny the authority of the state church was a criminal action and they were persecuted and imprisoned for trying to have separate churches in their own homes or elsewhere.

Undoubtedly across the centuries there had been many Christians who had refused to accept the false

teachings of the Roman church and had remained true to the teachings of the New Testament. They paid for this bitterly — often with their lives.

But the first churches in history which carried the name Baptist appear to be certain churches in the English separatist movement in the early Seventeenth Century.

In Europe certain churches insisted on re-baptizing (not necessarily by immersion) those who became converts or who had been baptized as infants and they became known as Anabaptists — but they did not follow Baptist teachings as we understand them today, particularly concerning immersion.

Among those who fled to Holland because of persecution in England was John Smyth and some of his friends. A second group led by John Robinson soon joined them. These struggling separatists trying to find their way to the truth were strongly influenced by the Mennonites with whom they came in contact. When Smyth and some of the others decided they should go over to the Mennonites a group objected.

Their leader was an influential and at one time fairly wealthy Englishman named Thomas Helwys. In 1611 or early 1612 Helwys and a little group called general Baptists returned to England and established a "Baptist" church at Spitalfields outside London. The name spread to other churches with similar teachings as they grew in the years which followed. The particular Baptists believing in once saved always saved date from about 1640.

The first Baptist church in America was established at Providence, R. I., in 1636. John Clarke provided able leadership in securing religious freedom for the colony.

Baptist principles date from the time of Christ. Churches with Baptist names came much later. The really important thing is not the beginning of a name but that we be true to the teachings of our Saviour and seek to do his will.



CORDIAL INVITATION

THE BAPTIST FORUM

On The MORAL SCENE...

SBC-Goers Invited To Festival Of Praise In Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Here's a special invitation to all your readers planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk. We hope you will come one day early and come via Washington, D. C. to participate with us in our BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE at Washington Cathedral from 12:30 till 4 p.m. on June 12 (Saturday).

Dr. William J. Reynolds will lead us all in a time of hymn singing based on American contributions to Christian Hymnody. The Sons of Jubal, Georgia Baptist Ministers of Music, will perform Randall Thompson's setting of words by Thomas Jefferson entitled, "A Testament of Freedom." We'll have a recital on the Cathedral's 180 rank pipe organ, and a full concert of American music by The Centurymen, directed by Dr. Beryl Red.

It's going to be a great day for Southern Baptists in the nation's capital as we gather on Saturday, June 12 to sing praise to God. Do come if you can.

James C. Allcock, Jr., Coordinator
State Music Secretary, Maryland

IN THE BEGINNING GOD, by William Hartley (Baker, 111 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) The subtitle is "Jottings from Genesis."

NEW LIGHT ON NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS by Clifford A. Wilson (Baker, pocket book, paper, 125 pp., \$1.25)

EXCITING OBJECT LESSONS & IDEAS FOR CHILDREN'S SERMONS by Jessie F. Sullivan (Baker, paper, 124 pp., \$1.95)

WIFE — MATE, MOTHER, ME! by Gayle Roper, (Baker, 96 pp., \$4.95)

KNOWING GOD: STUDY GUIDE by J. I. Packer (InterVarsity, paper, 47 pp., \$1.25)

BLOW, WIND OF GOD! edited by Donald E. Demaray (Baker, 146 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.75) The subtitle is "Spirited Messages from the Writings of Billy Graham."

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION by Gordon E. Lewis (Regal, 92 pp., \$1.45)

LOVE UNLIMITED by Bishop Festo Kivengere (Regal, pocket book, paper, 124, \$1.65)

THE CHURCH AND THE RURAL POOR edited by James A. Cogswell (John Knox Press, 166 pp., \$1.95)

FEMALE MINISTRY, OR WOMAN'S RIGHT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL by Catherine Booth (The Salvation Army, Inc., 145 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011, paper, 23 pp., \$.50 plus 15c postage)

THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER by George B. Duncan (John Knox Press, 87 pp., \$2.95)

THE MIDDLE EAST IN PROPHECY by Richard W. De Haan (Victor Books, paper, 32 pp., \$.49)

DR. JAMES DOBSON TALKS ABOUT LOVE by James Dobson (Regal, paper, 32 pp., \$.95)

Dr. Paul Popenoe, founder of the American Institute of Family Relations: "No society has ever survived after its family life deteriorated."

TELEVISION VIOLENCE: PERVERSION PROGRAMMING

— Another scientific investigation into the depiction of violence on the home television screen has recently been brought to light, and it confirms our fears that unfettered murder and mayhem continue unabated. The overall rate of violence episodes per play on television is the highest on record, according to the annual index published by Dr. George Gerbner of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, and shows no signs of slowing an upward trend. . . . The fraud called "family hour" ends at 9:01 p.m. eastern time with scenes of aberrant sex, violence, and brutality exploring on the TV screen with the absurd assumption that the 14.7 million children under the age of 11 who were watching have mysteriously gone to bed or stopped watching. The Nielsen rating service, which the networks seem to worship, tells them they are wrong; Nielsen defines the nationwide children's audience—age 2 to 11: (1) 8:00 to 8:30 p.m., 14.7 million; (2) 8:30 to 9:00 p.m., 14.1 million; (3) 9:00 to 9:30 p.m., 11.0 million; and (4) 9:30 to 10:00 p.m., 9.7 million. . . . Perhaps the most disturbing statistic in the latest Gerbner report is the increased violence in weekend programming for children. The number of violence incidents per hour is 16.2—about four times the level during the family hour and about double the level between 9 and 11 p.m. (Citing John M. Murphy from Congressional Record E 1831, April 5, 1976)

FOOD, NOT BRICKS — Christ Episcopal Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, decided last year to raise funds for the hungry instead of erecting a new activities building. Members collected more than \$200,000; the funds have been distributed among 12 local, national and international projects, including hot-lunch programs at two inner-city church facilities and a \$15,000 grant to build wells for the Pount tribe in Upper Volta, Africa. (The Christian Century, Vol. XCIII, No. 13, April 15, 1976)

UNEQUAL WEALTH DISTRIBUTION — The distribution of income in the U.S. is becoming increasingly unequal. The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. According to Andrew F. Brimmer, a Harvard University economist who left the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors in 1974, it's the blacks and the poor whites who are losing ground. "In general," Brimmer told the 142nd annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "over the last five years, income has been redistributed so as to favor whites vs. blacks, the better-off vs. the poor, the newer regions of the country vs. the old, and the suburbs vs. both rural areas and central cities." (Parade, p. 17, April 4, 1976.)

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NEWEST BOOKS

1010 SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE BIBLE (242 pp., \$2.95); **SPEAKER'S ILLUSTRATIONS FOR SPECIAL DAYS** (240 pp., \$2.95); **A TREASURY OF STORY SERMONS FOR CHILDREN** (266 pp., \$3.50); **38 EVANGELISTIC SERMONS** (242 pp., \$2.95) **A TREASURY OF POEMS FOR WORSHIP AND DEVOTION** (378 pp., \$2.95) by Charles L. Wallis (Baker Book House) This group of books supplies a rich variety of pulpits helps for the pastor—help for preparing evangelistic sermons, leading in worship, speaking to children, or finding just the right poem or illustration for sermons and speeches. Bought as a set, the price is \$14.95.

HEAVEN BOUND by William A. Lauterbach (Concordia, 127 pp., paper, \$3.95, large print edition) Devotional meditations on the subject of "hope for the future." The large type will make it a book easy for the aged to read.

THE BURDEN MADE LIGHT by Alfred Doerrfler (Concordia, paper, \$3.95, 128 pp., Large Print Edition) These Scripture-based devotions were especially planned to bring comfort for shut-ins.

IMAGES OF MAN by Donald J. Drew (InterVarsity, 121 pp., paper, \$2.95) A critique of the contemporary cinema is the subtitle. It is an examination of what has happened in the present day use of the moving picture. After examining sex, violence, and other factors in modern films, the author seeks to help the Christian find a Christian perspective concerning them.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' ERRORS EXPOSED by William J. Schnell (Baker, paper, 211 pp., \$2.95) This book was previously published under the title, "In to the Light of Christianity."

YOUR KEYS TO RADIANT HEALTH by William F. Dankenbring (Pivot Book, Kents Publishing, pocket book, paper, 280 pp., \$1.95) A guide to realizing your God-given potential for a healthy and long life. "The best book on health ever written for the layman."

THE PREACHER'S TOOLBOX by Wilbur B. Ketcham (Baker, paper, 82 pp., \$1.00) This is one of the Dollar Sermon Library series.

HERE I AM, GOD: WHERE ARE YOU? by John M. Robertson (Tyndale, paper, \$1.45).

Prayers and promises for hospital patients. A hospital chaplain, joins prayers and scripture promises together, for use with those in the sick room.

SERMON OUTLINES FROM THE PSALMS by Craft M. Fents; **COMPLETE SERMON OUTLINES** by Eric Hayden; **BIBLE-CENTERED SERMON STARTERS** by E. F. Hallock; **HEART-TOUCHING SERMON OUTLINES** by Billy Apostolon (Baker, 63 pp. each, \$1 each, paper) Sermon outlines in the series, Dollar Sermon Library, from sermons of illustrious pulpits giants.

THAT ELUSIVE THING CALLED JOY by Calvin Miller (Zondervan, 143 pp., \$4.95) Dynamic insights into the nature of true discipleship. The writer searches for and finds a formula for happiness; he discusses it here, calling it Happiness Construct.

SENSITIVITY TO WHAT? by Anna Mow (Zondervan, \$4.95, 97 pp.) Geared for the church-sponsored sensitivity group, this book says that people should be sensitive to people's needs and problems, but should not neglect the personal relationship with God.

LIFE IS SO GREAT, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GET OFF by Mike Arnold (Zondervan, \$5.95, 200 pp.) Mr. Arnold says that learning to live is a lifetime project and gives many workable suggestions as to how each person can find life more fulfilling.

OUR HIGH CALLING by J. Sidlow Baxter (Zondervan, paper, 286 pp., \$2.95) Paperback reprint of Baxter's devotional and practical studies on the New Testament doctrine of sanctification. A careful scripture study of a great Christian doctrine.

DAILY LIGHT ON THE DAILY PATH (Zondervan, paperback, \$4.95) A devotional text book in large print for every day in the year in the very words of Scripture.

AN OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT WALK-THROUGH by Ralph G. Braun (Zondervan, paperback, 38 pp., \$1.95) "Group participation home Bible studies."

LIFE IN HIS BODY by Gary Inrig (Harold Shaw Publishers, paperback, 182 pp., \$3.95) The subtitle is "Discovering Purpose, Form and Freedom in His Church."

THE ESCAPE by Viola S. Winn (Tyndale House, paper, 213 pp., \$1.95) This is an unforgettable and true adventure story about a missionary mother who spent most of World War II hiding with her children in the mountainous jungles of the Philippines while her husband was in Japanese prison camp.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GAMBLING by William J. Peterson (Kents, \$1.95, 117 pp., paper) The editor of Eternity magazine explores the sometimes surprising facts behind legal and illegal gambling — and the personal tragedy of the gambler.

LESSONS FOR LOVERS IN THE SONG OF SOLOMON by Bob Dryburgh (Kents, pocketbook paper, 222 pp., \$1.75) A study of the Song of Solomon, with a revelation of the dramatic love story found in this poetic book. The author has made careful study of this often neglected portion of the Bible.

(Editor's Note: So many new books have been received in recent months, that we have found it impossible to review all of them. In order to keep from falling further behind we are listing many of the new books we have received recently.)

A WORD TO THE WISE by Donald Gee (Gospel Publishing, 78 pp., pocket book, paper, \$.95) Formerly "Proverbs for Pentecost."

LIKE A PHOENIX by William J. Hammann (Dorrance & Co., 96 pp., \$5.00)

THE HERRNHUTERIAN PIETISM IN THE BALTIC by Valdis Messers (Christopher Publishing House, 53 Billings Rd., North Quincy, MA 02171, 151 pp., \$6.95)

THE TEN PRINCIPAL UPANISHADS by W. B. Yeats and Shree Purohit Swami (Macmillan, paperback, 150 pp., \$2.95)

HOW MUCH PRAYER SHOULD A HAMBURGER GET? compiled by William J. Krutza (Baker, pocket book, paper, 91 pp., \$1.25)

HEAVEN — A PLACE, A CITY, A HOME by Edward M. Bounds (Baker, pocket book, paper, 151 pp., \$1.25)

DECISION MAKING AND THE BIBLE by R. Edward Everding, Jr. & Dana W. Wilbanks (Judson, paper, 160 pp., \$5.95)

HOW TO SAVE TIME IN THE MINISTRY by Leslie B. Flynn (Baker, paper, 95 pp., \$2.95)

TAKING THE DRUDGERY OUT OF HAMBERG PREPARATION by Webb E. Garrison (Baker, paper, 175 pp., \$2.95)

ESCAPE FROM EMPTINESS by John D. Jess (Baker, pocket book, paper, 87 pp., \$1.25)



Baptists And Religious Liberty

BAPTIST PREACHER WHIPPED—Bowling Green, Va., May 1, 1771—John Waller, Baptist preacher, was interrupted in his preaching service by the parson of the State church. The parson stepped on the platform with Waller and with a whip flipped the pages of the hymnbook the preacher was using. Waller, who three years earlier had spent forty-three days in jail for preaching, tried to ignore the interruption. While continuing the service by leading in prayer, the preacher had the butt of the whip stuck in his mouth several times by the parson. The county clerk joined the parson and seized Waller dragging him from the pulpit to the sheriff at the edge of the crowd. After the sheriff had given the preacher about twenty lashes with his horsewhip, Waller returned to the pulpit. Covered with blood, he preached one of his most powerful sermons. — (Used with permission of the Historical Commission, S. B. C.)

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

What Kind Of Gospel?

By Bill Duncan
Galatians 1

"Is Christianity Grace or Law?" is the vital issue at stake in the Galatian letter. To be sure, the historical form of the law of the Old Testament has long passed from the scene. The only way this was possible was the work of men like Paul and others. No branch of Christianity today requires a Gentile convert to become Jewish by circumcision. The effectiveness of the book Galatians is a witness to this subject.

Throughout the history of Christianity, controversy about how a person is saved has come up. The Reformation took place because of those who rebelled at the idea that a person had to meet certain requirements in order to be saved. We are never done with legalism; it is a threat to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who could help us understand the difference between grace and law? Paul experienced futility of the law and became the greatest spokesman in the early church in behalf of grace. For Paul, right relationship to God came through faith in Jesus Christ, His Son, who died for our sins and was raised from the dead, not from being a Jew or by legal conformity. For one who is saved, ethics or works is an experience in bearing the fruit of the Spirit because Jesus Christ dwells within. There is no moral or ritual checklist. Grace is



Once again I have opened a box and found in it snow white envelopes and cards, forced to face another of life's scarcely believable facts: those little white cards actually bear the name of our thirdborn, and, when we mailed them out last week, we invited people to attend the ceremony which marks his graduation from high school.

It seems like only yesterday, while, paradoxically, it seems like ages ago, that I entrusted him to Miss Minnie Lee on his first day at school. We were so grateful that day that he was physically and mentally capable of going to school that I could not feel sad at his joy in leaving the nest and finding that there was another woman in the world.

For he had been such a sick little fellow during his first three and a half years with us. The first two were literally sleepless years for James and me — around-the-clock care was necessary for months on end. Pneumonia or asthma, or both at one time, were constant plagues. A transient hydrocephalus threatened both his development and our sanity. All of my life has been and will be easier because of my having learned during that time what to do with anxiety, fear, dismay, and hurting.

Jim "outgrew" his allergy to his own infections during his fourth year as our pediatrician had hoped he would; then he began to catch up quickly. All through the years, his doing of the blandly routine things of life have had a smacking of the miraculous about them to me. We were tickled to take the training wheels off the bike the third time, after he had learned to ride as the first two boys had, unaware that he would be able to bicycle six hundred miles through Europe during his sixteenth summer.

When the medical bills during those early years seemed mountainous, and we saw the possibility that they might stretch ahead for years, we were unaware that Jim would be physically strong

Sunday School Lesson: International

The Challenge Of Drugs And Alcohol

By Wm. J. Fallis
I Corinthians 6:9-20;
Galatians 5:13-26

If some of the pressures on family life we have studied this month have seemed general or remote, here's one that is a problem for most families in your neighborhood and many in your church. Narcotics (including alcohol) have invaded every economic and social level in our land, which boasts of being Christian. This lesson leads us to apply a great Christian principle to some of the heartbreaking realities of modern life.

The Lesson Explained
Some Cannot Enter The Kingdom Verses 9-11

The first four chapters of this epistle deal with the divisions in the church and chapter 5 with the problems of immorality. In chapter 6 Paul urged the Corinthians not to take their disagreements into pagan courts for settlement. In these three verses he gives his basic reason. He raises no question about getting justice in a Roman court, but he feels that Christians ought to settle their differences as brothers without ex-

posing them to unbelievers.

In verse 9 "the unrighteous" can include both outsiders and church members. Anyone who continues in the sins Paul listed "shall not inherit the kingdom." He cannot enter God's reign because he has not yielded to God's kingship in his life. Of the ten sins mentioned, the last two in verse 9 refer to the same thing: homosexuality. Notice how the covetous person stands between the thief and the drunkard, and the slanderer (reviler) is not better than the swindler (extortioner). Then Paul assured the Corinthians that although some of them had been like these, they had been cleansed, dedicated to God, and set right with him through Christ and by the Spirit.

Some Ruled By Sex Instead of God Verses 12-18

Although there is no evidence in the Greek, some newer translations show the opening clauses in verses 12-13 as possible quotations from the Corinthians—perhaps even popular slogans to defend their behavior. But Paul took issue with both of them. To the first he said: "Not everything is

good for you. . . . I am not going to let anything make a slave of me" (TEV). To the second, about food and the stomach, he wrote: "God has no permanent purpose for either" (Phillips).

Then quickly he came to the problem of sexual immorality: "A man's body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord" (TEV). Although Greeks saw a great difference between body and spirit, Jews felt they were intimately related. Here when Paul says "body," he means "self" or "personality." Abusing one's body affected the person, damaged the personality. The believer's body is a part of Christ's body, and God will raise up the believer in the same power that he raised up Jesus. For Paul it was unbelievable that a Christian man would join his body to that of a harlot. How could a person who is spiritually one with the Lord be willing to become physically one with another in immoral intercourse? Verse 18 is not easy to interpret, but the first words are clear enough.

Why Believers Guard The Body Verses 19-20

For the sincere Christian these two verses are unanswerable. They start with the individual believer and end with the grace and providence of God. In between, Paul declared that the Holy Spirit lives within the believer as God's gift. The believer's body is his sanctuary. Because of Christ's death each believer has been redeemed and owes to the Savior his freedom from sin. So he doesn't "belong" to himself; he cannot abuse or poison his body, nor can he waste or endanger it. It must be guarded as the temple of God's Spirit.

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Formerly Marrieds Observe Birthday

The Formerly Married Sunday School Department at First Baptist Church, Jackson, recently observed the first anniversary of its beginning with 60 in attendance. Attendance on the Sunday it was organized was 16. The group participates in church, state, and convention-wide retreats. The department was organized because of the increased interest and concern for the growing number of formerly married people in the Jackson area, according to Rev. David Roddy, minister of education. Rev. Frank Pollard is pastor of the church.

Arabia and stayed for a long time. In this time of solitude with God, he underwent a radical reversal in his life. It was three years before he made his first visit to Jerusalem. Then he visited only with Peter and James during the 15 days in the area. Then Paul went to his hometown and to the area of Syria and Cilicia. His mission to his home was independent of the apostle's authority and direction. During all this time, he was still not known by the churches of Judea except that they heard that the former persecutor was now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.

From the beginning Paul undertook to state those things that would refute the Judaizers who had slandered his apostleship as being dependent upon or inferior to the Jerusalem apostles. The man Paul can only be explained in light of the task given to him by God in Christ Jesus.

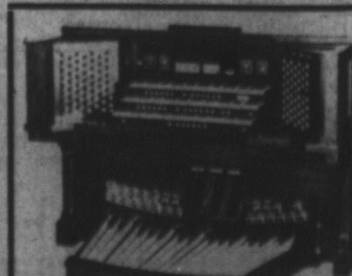
The false teachers (Judaizers) were preaching a different gospel. Paul's gospel was the gospel of free grace. He believed with all his heart that nothing a man could do could ever win the favor of God or the love of God. When a man realizes that he needs to be saved all he can do is fling himself on the love and mercy of God in one great act of faith.

St. George's, Grenada — Sebert McKay, evangelism chairman and second vice-president of the Jamaica Baptist Union, has arrived here to work with the only Southern Baptist missionaries on this island, Mr. and Mrs. Manget Herrin.

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Devotional

"God Is In Me"By Rob Sugg, Pastor, Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine
Philippians 1:21

For me to live is Christ. . . Here Paul captures in one phrase what so many today speak of as the Spirit-filled life. This fact is not only the motivating power but also the enabling power of the Christian life. For the Christian, life is nothing more or less than God living in us.



It looks good on paper, it sounds good in sermons, but incorporated in life, it is the power of God revealed in this world. Once this fact—Christ living in me—is allowed to take root and grow in my life, I see the new birth which Jesus told Nicodemus about. It is not explainable in scientific terms, it is not logical in today's sophisticated society, but it is the beginning of the Kingdom of God in the life of the believer.

This leads me to two observations. First, I face life not in my own power, but in the power of God. Paul said in Romans 8:11 the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in the Christian. That means that the power that conquered death is the power in me.

The second observation is that no matter where I am, Christ is there also. He is there because he dwells in me. This is the present day truth of what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 139: I cannot escape the presence of God. At home, at work, at play, God is in me, ready to strengthen me. He is also ready to speak through me to someone who desperately needs to know this very joy in his own life.

This fact was real for Paul, it is real for me. But it will not become real to a non-believer until that one is willing to accept through faith this fact for himself.

Linwood Plans Homecoming

The pastor and members of Linwood church, Neshoba County, have announced that Homecoming Day is set for May 23. Rev. Ivor

Clark, Macon, will be guest morning speaker. Dinner "on the ground" will be served.

In the evening, the Joyful Airs, Up Lifters, and other special solos and quartets will be heard. Rev. Gary Johnson is the pastor.

**Bethel To Dedicate New Facilities**

Bethel Church, Monticello, will dedicate new education facilities during homecoming day on May 16. Rev. Emmett Moak, former pastor, will be guest speaker. Sunday School will begin at 10 and morning worship at 11. "Dinner on the ground" will follow the morning service. Gospel singing will feature The Willard Hedgepeth Family from Picaune, and some local talent. The church has completed a new fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms, and a new pastor's study. In addition, extensive renovation was done to the older education facilities. After "dinner on the ground," there will be open house.

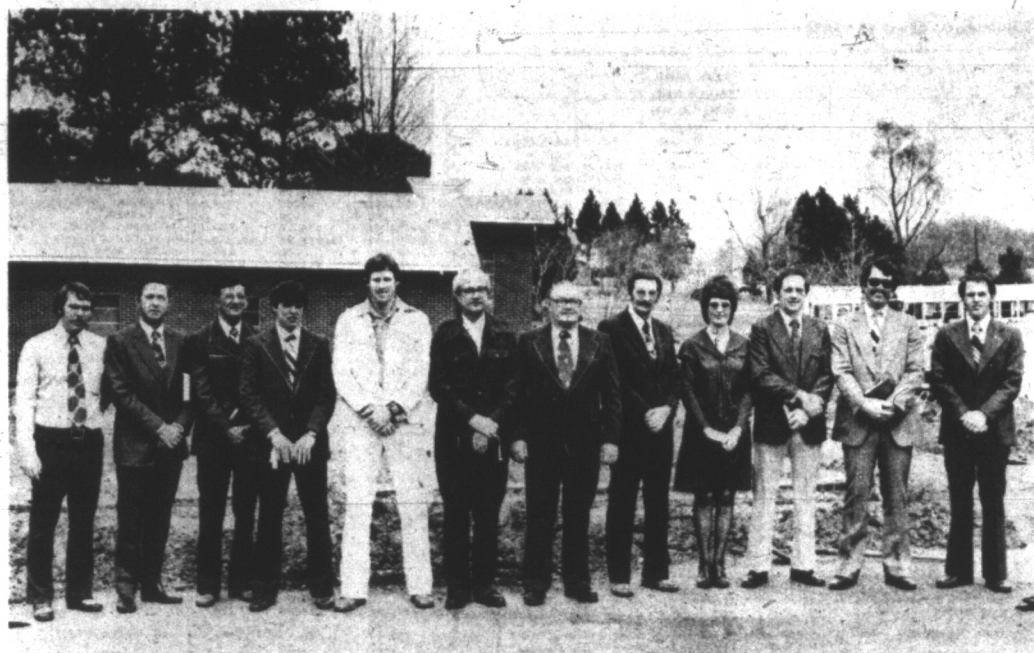
Mrs. Talkington Dies At 89

Mrs. Dora Clement Talkington, 89, died May 4 at Jackson. Funeral services were at 2 p. m., Thursday, May 6, in Hattiesburg.

She was born November 8, 1886 in Barry County, Missouri. She graduated from Baylor University 1907. She was married to Dr. Thomas W. Talkington, Baptist minister. For 38 years she taught Sunday schools and led W.M.U.'s. She was head of a high school English department and taught at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. She was the author of Sunday school lessons, novels, women and children's stories.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Perry C. Talkington, Dallas, Tex., and Dr. T. W. Talkington, Jr., Jackson; one daughter, Mrs. Odesa T. McAmis of Dallas; six grand children; and six great grand children.

Mrs. Talkington's husband died May 19, 1970, at the age of 92. He taught at OBU and was pastor of Baptist churches in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and at Crystal Springs, and Sumrall, Mississippi.

**Raymond Road To Construct New Addition**

Raymond Road Church, Jackson, broke ground recently to begin construction on a new addition which will include classrooms and church offices. The construction will include renovation of the old education facility and exterior of the sanctuary. Costing \$71,000, it will be completed in August.

Participating in the ceremony were, left to right; Ronnie Woodfield, Ken Stroud, Billy McGowan, Bob Warren, Anthony Shelton, deacons; Ben Sudduth, J. T. Mardis, Nolan Glisson, Janie Parish, Building Committee members; Joe Parish, deacon chairman, Mike Wells, Building Committee chairman; Robert McDonald, pastor.

Clarke Choir To Sing On TV Around July 4

The Clarke College Choir, under the direction of Clark Adams, has videotaped a patriotic program to be aired on WTOG-TV in Meridian around July 4.

The narrator for the program is David Heddon, a Clarke College sophomore from Robertsdale, Alabama. Speaking for the college and presenting a brief look at the campus is Dow Ford of the English faculty.

Unity Cemetery Association To Meet May 23

The Unity Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting on May 23, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Rev. J. R. Sanderson will be guest speaker. This will be an old fashioned memorial service with dinner on the ground. This meeting will be at Unity Baptist Church in Jefferson County.

Revival Dates

Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland; May 16-23; Rev. James Rushing, Forest Park, Georgia, evangelist; James Hayes, Hattiesburg, singer; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. W. Everett Martin, pastor.

First Church, Bennettsville; May 24-28; Rev. Don Sabell of Moss Point, speaker (he will also teach a class in the mornings); Rev. William McWilliams pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Calvary, Columbia; May 23-26, Dr. Jerry Milton, full-time evangelist, preaching; Ronnie Ross, singer; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. with dinner in the Fellowship Hall, and 7 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.; Rev. James E. Walker, preacher.

Easthaven, Brookhaven; May 23-28; Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Earl Kelly, evangelist; Hubert Greer, singer; Robert M. Hanvey, pastor; Randy Grim, minister of music.

Baptist Expansion Slows In South American Nations

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist growth in South America continued this past year, but at a slower rate than before, according to preliminary statistics for 1976 released by the Baptist World Alliance here.

Membership in 12 South American countries where Baptists have work now number 515,434, compared to 512,379 a year ago. Three years ago the number was 462,169.

Six of the 12 countries showed an increase in church membership—Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, and Surinam. Five declined—Chile, Ecuador, Guyana, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Data for Bolivia did not change. No Baptist work exists in the Falkland Islands or in French Guiana.

A slight decline in the number of churches has been accompanied by a noticeable increase in "home missions" of the churches, according to the BWA.

Counted at 4,470 a year ago, the number of churches is now only 4,447. But, with that decrease has come an offsetting increase in the number of other "preaching places," according to Carl W. Tiller, BWA statistician.

Taking the Baptist Convention of Argentina as an example, he observed that the number of believers has gone up from 21,500 to 21,886 in one year; the number of churches has declined from 296 to 287; but the number of additional preaching places has risen from 163 to 163. Such places are variously called "chapels," "missions,"

or "outreach points."

"The total Baptist community is much larger than reflected in the church membership data," Tiller declared. "Because Baptists do not accept young children into church membership, the half million or so Baptists reported are not an accurate reflection of the group's total strength. Also,

The BWA South American statistics are not limited to the 11 member bodies of the Baptist World Alliance in South America, but also embrace other Baptist work on the continent. Every country has at least two kinds of Baptists; one (Brazil) has as many as 15 varieties, according to the BWA.

BAPTISTS IN SOUTH AMERICA

	1976		1975	
	Churches	Members	Churches	Members
Argentina	388	25,083	386	24,732
Bolivia	157	8,400	156	8,400
Brazil	3,379	444,633	3,417	442,217
Chile	166	11,885	165	12,200
Colombia	86	7,976	85	7,561
Ecuador	47	2,239	46	2,315
Guyana	27	2,080	27	2,093
Paraguay	29	2,561	25	2,376
Peru	70	4,560	47	3,381
Surinam	4	235	4	213
Uruguay	44	2,471	52	2,501
Venezuela	50	3,271	49	3,390
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0
French Guiana	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	4,447	515,434	4,470	512,379

*Subject to revision

Names In The News

North Wilona Church has called Rev. Ray Grissett of Clinton as interim pastor. Grissett is a consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Prior to this, he was pastor of the First Church, Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. The church has called Greg Moore of Grenada, student of Holmes Junior College, as minister of music and youth. Greg has been on a part-time basis until the school term is over, but will be full time this summer. He was formerly minister of music at the Tehula Church.

Larry Moore has accepted the call to South Side Church, Meridian, as minister of education and youth, effective May 30. Rev. John Hopper is the pastor.

Rev. Nathan Lewis Barber, pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis, and W. Douglas McQueen, principal of Waveland Elementary School, have been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. Pas-

tor Barber is very active in community affairs and this is the third year he has been so recognized. Criteria for selection includes a person's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business achievement, cultural accomplishments, and civic participation. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees.

Kenneth White has joined the staff of Liberty Church, Liberty, as minister of music and youth. He goes from North Greenwood Church, Greenwood. Mr. White is a graduate of William Carey College. He is married to the former Janell Smith and they have two children. They will be living in the Kenneth Dye house on the Jackson Rd. Liberty welcomed Mr.



and Mrs. White with a grocery pounding. A church wide reception was held for them April 25.

The Board of Advisors of the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America has announced the selection of J. Paul Vandercook for inclusion in that publication.



Vandercook, a resident of Gautier, is director of Language Ministries for the Jackson County and the Gulf Coast Association and is director of Seamen's Centers at Pascagoula and Gulfport.

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards program announces that the following men have been selected for inclusion in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America: James David Carter, Graceville, Fla.; James Melvin Keith, pastor of First Church, Laurel; Anee Dale Patterson, Picaune; Ronald Kent Burch, Wesson; and Roy Richard McHenry, Okolona. The program is sponsored by the U. S. Jaycees.

Elected to guide the student government association at Blue Mountain College during

the 1976-77 academic year were Barbara Goddard of Booneville, president; Jimmie Nell Nolan of Pittsboro, secretary; Jo Ellen Richardson of Fayetteville, Tennessee vice-president and Deborah McCarty of Pontotoc, treasurer.

William Carey College graduate, W. Dale Burson, has been promoted to second vice president by the directors of Trust Company Bank in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Burson received his B.A. degree from Carey College in 1961. He is presently serving as manager of the bank's West End Office in southwest Atlanta.

A Baptist minister's wife from New Mexico—nominated by Catholic and Baptist churches in Questa, N. M.—was named American Mother of the Year in an awards ceremony at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Mrs. W. E. (Maxine) Grindstaff received the award, granted by the American Mother's Committee, from President Gerald Ford. She had qualified for consideration for the national award by winning New Mexico's Mother of the Year competition. The nomination came from First Baptist Church, where her husband, a retired Southern Baptist leader,

**Cleary Dedicates Buildings**

On April 18, Cleary Church at Hoover Lake dedicated both buildings and a loan of \$10,000 from Church Building and Savings and Loan. This loan has all been repaid.

There have been 440 members added to the church by baptisms and transfer of letter since the 14 joined on the first day. The current membership is 320.

In 1963 Mary and Dewey Camp gave three acres of land on which to erect a house of God. They determined an ideal Southern community would not be complete without a church. A mission was organized under the sponsorship of Rankin Baptist Association with First Baptist of Florence serving as mother church. Rev. Robert Jones and Rev. James Fancher preached that summer until Rev. Dale Holloway was called. Holloway moved his family from Paola, Kansas, where he was serving in pioneer missions.

Groundbreaking services were held in December, 1963, with Mrs. Addie May Reno and Mrs. G. O. Keer using a shovel provided by Mr. and Mrs. Charley Pyron. The first unit was dedicated in August, 1964, on the day the mission was constituted as a church. The cost, \$35,000, was provided by contributions and selling church bonds. All these bonds are retired this month.

"The Lord provided harmony and growth and the second unit was completed and dedicated on our tenth anniversary in September, 1973," says the pastor. "The cost, \$38,000, was provided by con-

tributions and a loan of \$10,000 from Church Building and Savings and Loan. This loan has all been repaid."

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Off The Record

That money talks I'll not deny. I heard it once. It said, Good-bye.

"My boss gave me a good job recommendation, but I'm afraid my new prospective employer took it the wrong way." "What did your old boss write?" "He said, 'Harry Burns worked for me for 10 years — and when he left I was perfectly satisfied.'"

The passengers on a four-engine propeller plane were on the verge of panic after the first engine conked out. The crisis grew worse when two others quit. At this point the pilot entered the cabin with a parachute on his back and said: "Keep calm, folks. Don't panic. I'm going for help!"